

**CTTAB**  
**February 13, 2007 Minutes**  
City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower  
27th Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98124

<b>Present</b> Leah Altaras Bill Baron Charles Brennick Maryann Budlong Michael Davidson Harry Hart, III Richard Huff Tom Kee Jerry Lin Nina Sanders Oren Sreebny Shivani Tejuja  <b>Excused</b> Todd Achilles	<b>Visitors</b> Ken Meyer Fiona McCargo <b>Staff</b> Feliks Banel David Keyes Jill Novik Tony Perez Bill Schrier Brenda Tate
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**1, 2. Announcements; Agenda Approval; Review of January, 2007 Minutes; Report from the Chair:**

The January, 2007 minutes were approved as amended and February agenda approved as written. Guests Ken Meyers and Fiona McCargo introduced themselves.

Hart reported that Maryann Budlong had resigned from CTTAB following the February meeting. He also said that he had established a conference bridge for members. Hart officially welcomed new members Richard Huff and Oren Sreebny and welcomed back returning member Leah Altaras.

**3. Public Comment**

Ken Meyers and Fiona McCargo spoke.

**4. Art Zone:** Feliks Banel, Seattle Channel

Banel summarized Art Zone which is bringing local arts programming to the TV and streaming, with most available on demand. Art Zone is intended to express what people in the community are doing, and will include performances, review, and criticism.

**5. CTO Report:** Bill Schrier

See attached.

**6. Office of Broadband Report:** Tony Perez

There has been a huge increase in the numbers of seniors and disabled residents applying for the increased cable discounts as a result of the Comcast franchise renewal and increased community outreach.

The consultant's financial feasibility report on the fiber broadband project should be completed shortly.

#### **7. Community Technology:** David Keyes

Youth Civic Engagement – the UW, MetroCenter, and Library have all expressed interest in working together on this.

The Tech Matching Fund application deadline is March 7 for the \$160,000 in funds for 2007. CTTAB members Sanders, Davidson, Key, and Altaras will participate on the review committee and will present their recommendations to CTTAB at the April meeting for a vote of the full board. There is some question as to conflict of interest for sitting board members, and that is being reviewed with the Ethics and Elections staff.

#### **8. Committee Reports:**

Millennium Digital Media Franchise Renewal: Bill Baron reported that the January 30 meeting was well attended with lots of good comments presented. Key issues were rates (no low priced tier), poor picture and sound quality, insufficient discounts, and poor customer service, particularly after hours.

#### **9. Board Business**

There was some discussion of topics for the March 13 CTTAB retreat. .

#### **10. Committee Work Sessions**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 to committee work sessions

The Board reconvened at 8:00 p.m. to consider a motion to authorize a committee to draft a letter to send to the WA Senate concerning the proposed SB6003, statewide video franchising. *Action: authorize the franchise renewal committee to draft such a letter, with comments to circulate to full board, and final approval by the franchise renewal committee.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.